

REPORTED SOLUTION

What It Is Reported the Decision in the Schley Case Will Be.

Denied on the Other Hand, That the President Has Given Out Any Intimation.

LATEST REPORT OF THE CASE

Washington, Feb. 5.—The army post board, which has been in session in Washington intermittently since November 25 last, concluded its labors and adjourned sine die today. The board was charged with the preparation of a scheme for the location and distribution of military posts, including the abolishment of existing posts, which are now useless from a modern military point of view, and the planning of new posts on strategic points. It also was to locate the four great camps for the training of soldiers of the regular army and their co-operative drill with the militia. These things have been done and the board's report is now before Secretary Root, who will send it to Congress. The report has not yet been made public.

It is understood that there has been a considerable divergence of view among members of the board as to the location of new posts. Lieutenant General Miles, the president of the board, has taken a strong position against the location of new posts in the vicinity of great cities, on the ground that it can only be construed as intended to menace organized labor, and he has gone so far as to enter a formal protest with Secretary Root against such locations.

MATRIMONIAL SWINDLE.

ATTORNEY BACON AND WIFE HELD IN A THOUSAND DOLLARS BAIL.

Philadelphia, Feb. 5.—Attorney J. Francis Bacon and his wife were today held in \$1,000 bail for trial, charged with conspiracy. The defendants are accused of conspiring to obtain \$4,000 from Henrietta Mueller. The principal witness for the prosecution was Frederick J. Stover, alias Baron Von Wittenburg, who testified that he had met the Mueller woman in Germany, and passing himself as a nobleman, made an engagement to marry her last spring in this country. Stover said he had no money, and through an advertisement secured the assistance of Bacon in his efforts to secure Mrs. Mueller's money.

Bacon and Stover, according to the latter's story, met Mrs. Mueller in New York and Stover married her under the name of Baron Von Wittenburg. Bacon and his wife witnessed the ceremony. Stover admitted that he already had a wife living. He secured from Mrs. Mueller a draft for \$3,000, which he says he gave to Bacon. The latter, Stover testified, kept all the money except a few hundred dollars. Stover at present is under arrest under the charge of embezzlement.

MARRIED AT DECATUR.

PADUCAH YOUNG LADY WEDS YOUNG MAN FROM CHICAGO.

The marriage of Miss C. B. Phillips of the city, daughter of Captain W. W. Phillips, to Mr. Bert Fisher of Chicago, took place at noon today at the home of Mrs. Joseph Weil, an aunt of the groom, whom the bride was visiting.

After visiting at Decatur a few days, Mr. and Mrs. Fisher will go to Chicago to reside. Miss Phillips attended a house party at Judge Crawford's, in Carbondale, for a few days, before going to Decatur. The bride is a sweet, popular girl, and has a host of admirers in the city. She is a sister of Mrs. Ed O. Yancy. Mr. Fisher is employed by the Edison Electric company of Chicago, but formerly resided here.

EXPLOSION ON TOWBOAT.

THREE OF THE CREW FATALLY HURT AND ONLY FIVE OTHERS HAVE BEEN ACCOUNTED FOR.

Pittsburg, Feb. 5.—At about 1:15 o'clock this morning just as the Pittsburg harbor towboat J. W. Ailes had passed through Lock No. 2 her boiler exploded, throwing her crew of fourteen in all directions. Three of the crew are known to be fatally hurt, and only five others have been accounted for.

Fatally injured: Joseph Rankin, deckhand; "Brownie," watchman; Marie Walker, colored, cook. All are horribly scalded and burned.

Just a few more slides left at the Arcade. You'll have to hurry.

IS STILL A MYSTERY

But Mr. Kilgore Sheds Some Light on Identity of the Shanty-Boater.

The Boat Found Below Belonged to a Colored "Fortune-Teller" Called "Quickstep."

OWNER HAS NOT YET SHOWN UP

The owner of the shanty boat found near Metropolis, well furnished and with a lamp burning in it, has not yet turned up, but Mr. J. L. Kilgore, the heading factory man of Mechanicsburg, is able to shed some light on the mystery.

The boat was moored near his mill all last summer, and was owned and occupied by an old darkey who professed to be a fortune teller, and who was known by everybody in that part of town as "Quickstep."

He claimed to have wonderful occult powers, among which was that of telling where any steamboat was at any time, no matter how far away. He was well patronized by the colored people of that locality, and by many white people, but no one seems to remember his name, but as the one on the license found on the boat is Newman, and also bears the word "Quickstep," that is doubtless his name.

The boat was moved several weeks ago, but it is understood was moored lower down, near Island Creek, subsequently.

Where the old darkey has gone, and whether he met with foul play or not is a matter that is now puzzling the police. The condition in which the boat was found indicates that it was hastily abandoned, or the lamp would not have been lighted. It had been broken loose, or have floated away by a rise in the river, it is reasonable to suppose that the owner would have sought up and made some effort to overtake and recover it at once, but if any such steps have been taken they do not know anything about it.

The boat is still being held at Metropolis, and a great deal of interest is being taken in the case.

IT IS SETTLED

But the Report of the Army Post Board Not Made Public.

The Four Posts Decided on But Paducah Was Probably Not Successful.

Washington, Feb. 5.—It was stated today by a United States senator who stands very close to the President that the latter had practically decided to hold in the Schley appeal, that Rear Admiral Schley was in command "under orders" of the American squadron during the battle of Santiago. That would be, it is held, a graceful turn down for Admiral Sampson and give Admiral Schley sufficient vindication. Just how soon this decision is to be announced is not stated, but it is expected by the end of the present week. Secretary Long emphatically denies that the President has given any indication of his intentions as far as the Schley case is concerned. If the decision is as indicated, by the United States Senator's forecast, it is regarded as very certain that Secretary Long will resign.

ADVANCING BILLS.

THE SCHLEY BILL REPORTED ADVERSELY, BUT ADVANCED, NEVER THELESS.

Frankfort, Ky., Feb. 5.—Hickman this morning introduced a bill in the senate to put osteopaths on the same statutory ground as physicians.

Rigdon's bill to abolish the anti-Schley school books was reported on adversely, but advanced to its second reading.

The house spent the entire morning advancing bills.

Mr. Pogue, of Crittenden and Livingston, introduced in the house a bill to make the present coal mining laws apply to mines and miners of all kinds, such as clay and flintstone mines.

The senate today adopted a resolution appointing a committee to reapportion the railroad commissioners' districts.

THE WEATHER.

For Kentucky—Snow tonight, with rising temperature. Thursday, snow or rain, and warmer.

The mercury did not go as low last night as on the preceding night. The minimum was 10 degrees, and this morning there had been quite a thaw.

COUNTY COURT.

F. H. Hisey has given E. H. Puryear power of attorney to do business in this city in his name.

NOT FOR TWO YEARS

Will Paducah Become a City of the Second Class, According to Report.

It is Understood the Bill Will Never Be Given Final Passage in the Legislature.

THE FACTS IN THE CASE AS REPORTED

It will now become known to the people of Paducah, for the first time, that Paducah in all probability will not become a city of the second class, at least for two years longer. There has been a quiet, but determined influence at work for some time past to prevent it, for some reason, and when the delegation left for Frankfort two weeks ago, it was known that at least four of them were against the city's becoming one of the second class.

The failure of the delegation to secure from the representatives of cities that are already in the second class the concessions that are desired made the Paducah delegation all the more determined not to permit Paducah to go into the class.

It seems there are a number of things Paducah wants changed in the second class charter. As the proposed changes do not suit the cities already in the second class, and would not be suitable to the conditions that exist in those cities, although they would be here, it was naturally regarded as somewhat officious on part of Paducah to insist on change that would benefit only Paducah, and Paducah not yet even in the second class. The consequence was that the representatives of other cities would not agree to the propositions of the Paducah representatives, and the latter withdrew from the conference.

It is understood that an agreement was made with State Senator McD. Ferguson that the bill transferring Paducah to the second class was to be held up in the senate until he received notice from Paducah to advance it. Representative Clark, who presented it in the house, where it has been passed, is understood to be against it. Councilman Reed stated this morning that he did not deem it a good thing to go into the second class unless Paducah could get the desired changes in the charter. In fact, we could not afford it. A bill is to be introduced giving Paducah what she wants, namely to fix the salaries of her officers, and such things, but it is certain of defeat, because what will suit Paducah will be unsuitable to the cities now in the second class, and will be vigorously opposed by them.

Mayor Yelzer was asked by a reporter this morning if the city would go into the second class, and stated it was not decided. That he went to Frankfort in favor of going into the second class, but is now very much against it unless Paducah can secure the changes in the charter she desires. It is understood, however, that an informal meeting of several officials, including the mayor, was held yesterday afternoon and it was virtually decided that Paducah is not to go into the second class and Senator Ferguson will never receive notice to advance the bill. It will simply be pigeonholed, and Paducah will have no other opportunity to get into the second class until the next legislature, two years hence.

IRON FURNACE.

IT IS REPORTED THAT IT HAS BEEN SOLD—NO CONFIRMATION.

It is reported that the Paducah Iron Furnace has been sold, and will shortly be operated, but the report lacks confirmation.

The option of Mr. Frank Eagles of Milwaukee expired February 1, and it is known that several others were very anxious to get hold of the plant, and a deal has doubtless been closed for it. In case it is not sold, however, it is the intention of the operators of the Grand Rivers furnaces to operate the one here.

STRICKEN ON STREET CAR.

PROMINENT NASHVILLE FIGURE DEAD FROM APOPLEXY.

Nashville, Feb. 5.—Nat F. Dortch, a member of the board of public works, was stricken with apoplexy on a street car tonight and died in an hour after reaching home. Mr. Dortch had been circuit clerk of this county, treasurer of Nashville, and held other important positions. He was 68 years old and leaves a wife and four children, including three sons who are in the tobacco business in Louisville, Ky.

TODAY'S TOBACCO SALES.

There was a small tobacco market today and the bidders were out in small numbers. About 60 hogheads, total, were offered. The rejections are undetermined but the prices and grades of leaf are about the same as on last week's market and the market of the past two weeks.

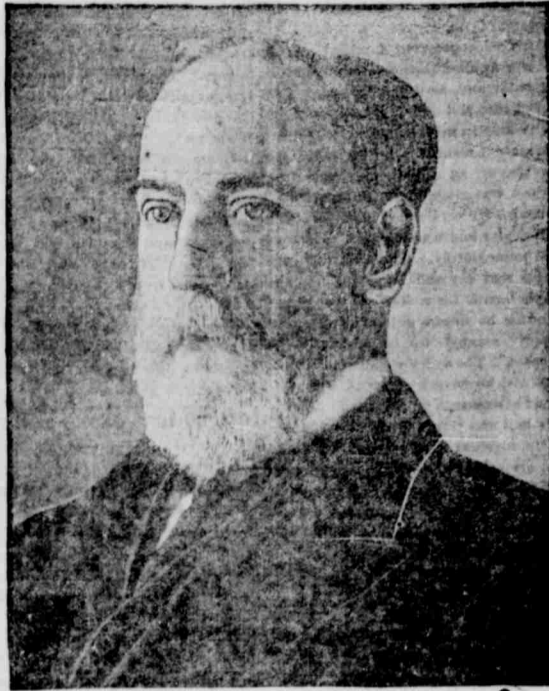


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SIR CHARLES DILKE.

When the English parliament reassembles, which event will occur in a few days, it is expected that there will be an outbreak of speeches on the South African campaign. Most important of these will probably be one by Sir Charles Dilke, who is regarded as the greatest military authority in England. In a recent article in The Fortnightly Review he advocated the adoption of guerrilla tactics in fighting the Boers.

WORK AT ONCE.

Mr. Chamblin Gets the Contract For Brick Work For Armour.

The Excavations Will Begin at Once at First and Broadway.

PERILOUS RIDE.

Contractor Halloran Made a Quick Trip Home Last Night.

Brought From Union Depot to the Palmer in Driverless Hack.

The big warehouse to be erected here by Armour and Co., mentioned yesterday, will be started at once, and excavations for the cellar began this morning. The brick work contract has been let to Mr. C. H. Chamblin, and the building will be 53x85 feet, two stories and a cellar, and the cost will be between \$6,000 and \$8,000. The carpenter work has not been let.

The building will be erected at First and Broadway, on the railroad company's property, and will be a big thing for Paducah. A gentleman named Sims will represent Armour and Co. here as agent.

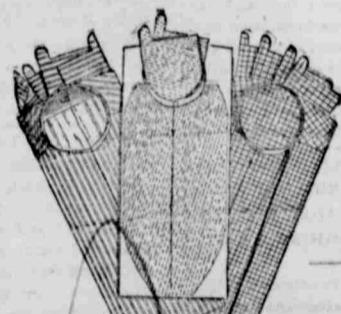
It has been reported that Cudaby and Co. will also build a warehouse here, but this has not yet been settled. An agent was here several days ago investigating the advisability of it.

RHEA UNSEATED.

Washington, Feb. 5.—The House subcommittee this morning reported in favor of Moss, in his contest for the seat of Rhea, Democrat, in the Third Kentucky district, thus unseating Rhea.

CUT PRICES In Every Department

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A Very Remarkable Shirt Sale!

The very fine t \$1.50 and \$2.00 Men's Colored stiff bosom Shirts go at choice for

\$1.00.

All new patterns, all this season's styles; all sizes and sleeve lengths.

Wallerstein's CLOTHING AND FURNISHINGS

Attend Our Big Cut Price Clothing Sale.

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WILL BE "DOINGS"

"Faust" Company Coming Here to Play Next Tuesday, But Wont Play.

Advance Agent Arrested on a Warrant Taken Out By Manager English Today.

CASE CAME UP IN THE POLICE COURT

Manager J. E. English of The Kentucky was "Faust," for next Tuesday night, Feb. 11th. Manager English claims he booked it under the impression that it was Morrison himself and his own company who would play it, but later he ascertained that it was the No. 2 company, and four weeks ago telegraphed and wrote a cancellation of the date.

Jules Murray, who owns the company, "Lost River," and other companies, replied that he would not accept the cancellation, but would send his advance man as if nothing had happened, and also bring the show here next Tuesday. Manager English then gave orders at The Kentucky that none of the paper of the company was to be allowed inside the house, nor any representative of the company permitted to come in a business capacity.

Yesterday afternoon Mr. Jordan arrived and presenting himself inside the box office, introduced himself. He was informed by Manager English that he was welcome personally, but in a business capacity he had no business there, and in a business capacity must get out. Personally he could remain as long as he liked.

Mr. Jordan was a very pleasant caller and remained some time talking to Manager English. He explained that he was simply obeying orders from headquarters in coming to Paducah. Mr. English explained why he had taken such action, and that none of the paper of the company could be allowed in the house.

Later in the afternoon he again met Mr. Jordan, who informed him that he had delivered the paper to one of the stage hands, and it had been accepted. Manager English repudiated any such action as being unauthorized, and Stage Manager Malone claims the paper was put in contrary to his orders.

It was taken out and thrown into the street, and is now in front of the Palmer. Mr. English then had Mr. Jordan—in a business capacity—arrested for trespass. The agent had already consulted a lawyer, and Mr. Tom Orice, his attorney, gave bond for his appearance today in police court. Last night Agent Jordan presented himself at The Kentucky to buy a ticket to the opera, but was courteously taken in as Manager English's guest. They are the best of friends personally, but in a business capacity each is determined to make it hot for the other. Manager English claims that two weeks' notice is sufficient for cancelling a date with a show company.

Agent Jordan claims that the company playing "Faust" will be brought here next Tuesday, as per contract, and if it is not allowed to play, suit for damages will be filed against Manager English. As the Wilbur Opera company is here for two weeks, it will be impossible for "Faust" to be presented.

Next Tuesday there will probably be "doings" in theatrical circles. The case against Mr. Jordan is set for 4 o'clock before Special Judge Kahn.

CIVIC FEDERATION.

BENEVOLENT WORK DISCUSSED AT THE MEETING TODAY.

There was a meeting of the Civic Federation this morning at the Palmer house, and reports were received from various committees, but the only thing discussed was the benevolent work. The Federation made up money for Mrs. Bromley, who was deserted by her husband and four children some time ago. Mayor Yelzer has agreed to give them transportation to Atlanta, Ga., and the ladies made up the purse to assist them on their way. Mrs. Bromley has relatives there.

ENGLAND DECLINES. London, Feb. 5.—The British government replied to Dr. Kuyper, the Dutch premier, that if the Boers in the field desire to negotiate for peace, negotiations can be entered into, but only in South Africa. The British government adheres to its intention not to accept the intervention of any foreign power.

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A CALLED MEETING

Fiscal Court Met This Morning But Little Business Was Transacted.

The Purpose to Consider the Finances of the County—Bonds May Be Refunded.

ADJOURNED TO MEET THE ELEVENTH

Fiscal court met this morning in called session at the court house, County Judge Lightfoot presiding. It is Judge Lightfoot's first experience in presiding over fiscal court.

The purpose of the meeting is to adjust the finances of the county. The principal object, it is understood, is to take some action regarding the refunding of county bonds.

McCracken county is bonded for \$500,000. In 1903 \$100,000 of these bonds will mature, and there is now in the county sinking fund, to pay those \$100,000 in bonds, about \$60,000. By the time they are due, it is said, there will be enough out of the other levies to pay the whole \$100,000.

The object of fiscal court is to consider the advisability of refunding these \$100,000 bonds due next year, at about 3 1/2 per cent, instead of five, place the money in the county levy and spend it. In other words, to refund the bonds, and require the county to pay \$3,000 or more a year interest, instead of waiting and paying off the bonds next year, or as much of them as possible, and if necessary to refund, to refund only those the county is not able to pay.

Some of the magistrates seen today do not seem to think that the \$60,000 can be placed in the county levy and blown "in," but must be expended for the purpose for which the law set it aside—to pay off the bonds.

The court convened this morning. A committee composed of Justices Barber, Gholson and Thompson was appointed to investigate the finances of the county, and report February 11th.

Justices Sheehan, Tapp, A. N. Sears, Nat Harris, Jesse Young and Road Supervisor Johnson were appointed a committee to investigate the condition of the county roads, and the cost of improving them, and also report on them the 11th.

Court then adjourned until February 11th, when the refunding question mentioned above will doubtless come up.

THAWING TODAY.

More of the Street Cars Now Running Regularly.

There is Little Change in the Situation Otherwise.

There has been considerable of a thaw today, and it is fully expected that in a short time all the ice will be gone, and business will be resumed. Scores of linemen are working hard to get the telephone and telegraph systems in shape, but it will be days before much progress is made.

The Trimble street cars are now running, and those on South Sixth will be running probably by tomorrow. It is given out officially that the South Third street line will not resume for a week or more.

Manager Allen of the Postal this afternoon secured a wire to Memphis, but has not yet opened up for business.

Over one hundred telephones are working now, and new ones are being repaired every day. Many new poles are being planted daily, and the material received yesterday by the telephone company is being used as rapidly as possible.

There is no change in the condition of the telegraph companies, and they still have the same number of wires working.

There were six street cars running this morning early, three on the Union depot line and three on the Broadway line. Trimble street cars will be in operation by night.

It is still uncertain when there will be any city lights, or when the city fire alarm system can be repaired. There will have to be some new material before this is accomplished.

A LIVE WIRE.

Mayfield, Ky., Feb. 5.—Henry Thompson, a colored lineman, while at work for the Graves county Water and Light company, fell across a live wire, with both hands, and, after being badly burned, fell to the ground, a distance of twenty feet, nearly dead. Both of his arms will have to be amputated, and it is feared he will not survive.

KILLED BY A CAR.

Louisville, Feb. 5.—George Rahl, an aged man, was killed here by a street car on Shelby street today.

TRIED TO "CRAWFISH"

John Schraven, Who Confessed Sunday, Denied Everything Today.

The County Attorney Was Surprised—Minor Cases on Today's Docket.

THE COURT IS STILL IN SESSION

There was quite a surprise in store for County Attorney Graves in police court this morning, when the preliminary hearing of John Schraven and Forrest Smith began. Schraven, who, when arrested Sunday, confessed to the police, told how they got into the saloon of Dick Seebree at First and Broadway, and gave back over \$20 of the money he acknowledged they stole, denied everything when placed on the witness stand and sworn.

Attorney Graves thought he would have an easy thing, and that the only thing that would have to be done would be to hold the prisoners and fix their bond. He relied principally on the confession of Schraven, but when Schraven was sworn he denied being in Seebree's, denied being with Smith, and denied getting any money, and said the money he gave the officers was his own that he worked for.

Schraven finally did admit that he had been with Smith on the night of the theft but for a short time only, and this was about all that could be gotten out of it.

It is understood that he was assured of his release from arrest and prosecution if he would confess and tell the officers who did the work and the story was then told the officers. This would have left Schraven out, but now it looks as if he will be tried for perjury, in addition to the other charges. The case was not reached until nearly noon time, and was continued over until this afternoon at one o'clock, when it was resumed.

The case was finished at press time, after the examination of many witnesses, and the defendants were held over to the grand jury, April term, under a \$250 bond.

County Prosecuting Attorney Eugene Graves said this afternoon that he would get a warrant against Schraven for false swearing.

The case against Will Shelton, for stealing fish, was dismissed. The warrant against E. J. Green for a breach of the peace was dismissed, but Charles Clement, with whom the former had a fight, was fined \$5 costs by confession. They had a difficulty over the pronunciation of "F. J. Ross."

The case against Andy Brandon of Chas. Ashley was tried, and was dismissed. Brandon was held over to be tried by the county judge on the 7th of the month, for petty larceny. The men were charged with having broken up some iron posts belonging to the warehouse of Captain J. R. Smith and sold it.

Tobe Williams, colored, was fined \$5 and costs on a breach of the peace warrant.

Yesterday afternoon, after an all day trial, Ollie Block, for the month within a few weeks, was fined \$40 and costs for running a disorderly house.

There is Little Change in the Situation Otherwise.

RAILROAD NOTES.

THE ILLINOIS CENTRAL CLINE HAS BEEN RE-PAIRED.

Roadmaster Pat Galvin of the Louisville division of the I. C., returned to Louisville, after supervising the repairing of the crosstie of the foot of the I. C. incline. The crosstie tracks were cleared away, and the afternoon trains were run in and out with little inconvenience. When more favorable weather comes, the tracks will be rebuilt, but the company will probably have to wait a lower water.

The night telegraph office at Graves Switch, on the I. C. Louisville division, has been temporarily closed.

Dick Isaman, who has been called for the round house, will go Henderson to accept a position. Flagman Robert Duvall, who signed with the Illinois Central, will be with the Cincinnati Southern.

Engineer James Hagert and Lewis have resigned with the I. C. Central to go to the Air Line.

Mr. R. B. Sutherland, of the working department of the I. C., shops, is ill at the hospital.

TO SERVE SIX MONTHS. S. M. Cummins, agent of the Tennessee penitentiary, arrived in the city at noon today from Nashville to back Phoe Crawford, colored, an escaped convict from the Tennessee prison.

Crawford has but six more months to serve. He was arrested here on a breach of the peace warrant. Cummins attempted to catch the train, but missed it and will have to wait until night or the morrow.